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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The University of Illinois at Chicago's Department of Urban Planning and Policy is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, On February 6, 1973, the Planning Task Force of the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Urban Sciences delivered recommendations to its new dean, Charles Orlebeke, to open the Master of Urban Planning and Policy academic program in the fall of 1973; and

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WHEREAS, The college at that time consisted of 2 units; the academic program would lead to the Master of Urban Planning and Policy while the Center for Urban Studies would continue to focus on research and public service activities; and

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WHEREAS, The University of Illinois at Chicago's Department of Urban Planning and Policy has since grown to become one of the largest graduate planning programs in the nation and the only accredited planning program in the Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, The Department of Urban Planning and Policy's Masters in Urban Planning and Policy program ranks in the top tier nationally in the Planetizen guide to urban planning

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1 programs and is a recognized leader in urban planning and
2 policy education in the world; and

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Urban Planning and Policy is now
4 housed in University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Urban
5 Planning and Public Affairs, a college established through the
6 University's Great Cities Initiative to provide innovative
7 urban planning and public management education that puts
8 engaged research to purposeful use at home and abroad; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics
10 projects an increase of 14% to 19% faster than average
11 employment growth for urban and regional planners; and

12 WHEREAS, There are few investments more important than
13 those we make in our education and improving the human
14 condition; in the words of Daniel Burnham, "Make no little
15 plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."; therefore, be
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we designate the date of February 22, 2014 as UIC Urban
20 Planning and Policy Day in the State of Illinois and urge
21 citizens of this State to foster the growth and improvement of
22 our communities in conjunction with the education and research

1 of more than 2000 University of Illinois at Chicago Urban
2 Planning and Policy students and alumni; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the University of Illinois at Chicago as a symbol
5 of our esteem and respect.